

Declaration of Dennis D. Sterk
(December 9, 2005)

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DECLARATION OF DENNIS D. STERK

I, DENNIS D. STERK, hereby declare as follows:

1. In March 1979, I was a deputy sheriff training officer for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, working out of the Firestone station.

2. I was one of two arresting officers of Stanley Williams and Samuel Coleman on March 15, 1979.

3. I recall the arrest of Stanley Williams, in part, because that night I was partnered with David Furmanski as my trainee, and I was not his regular training officer.

4. I have read the chapter in Stanley Williams' book, Blue Rage, Black Redemption, entitled "The Longest Day," in which Mr. Williams describes his arrest with Samuel Coleman, and Mr. Coleman's alleged beating by Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies at Firestone station.

5. I also have read Mr. Coleman's 1994 declaration in which he claims he was beaten while housed in a cell next to Mr. Williams.

6. In addition, I have reviewed the March 15, 1979, arrest report that Deputy Furmanski prepared following the arrests of Mr. Coleman and Mr. Williams.

7. The chapter in Mr. Williams' book, and Mr. Coleman's 1994 declaration, do not accurately describe their arrests.

8. I, along with Deputy Furmanski, arrested Mr. Williams and Mr. Coleman. We were driving in one patrol car, and back up units were not requested. Nor do I recall any other units showing up for assistance.

9. I recall that we found a shotgun in the trunk of Mr. Coleman's car, and that the arrest was without incident.

10. There has never been any license available, or necessary, to possess a shotgun. The only license available to an individual who possesses a firearm is a permit to carry a concealed weapon. That license is only applicable to

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1 handguns.

2 11. No racial slurs or insults were used by myself or Deputy
3 Furmanski during the arrest of Mr. Williams and Mr. Coleman.

4 12. Mr. Williams and Mr. Coleman were transported to, and booked
5 at, Firestone station.

6 13. At the time of his arrest and booking, Mr. Williams' identity had
7 no significance to me. I did not know that Mr. Williams was wanted for murder,
8 nor did I know he was a leader of the Crips street gang.

9 I declare under penalty of perjury and the laws of the State of
10 California and United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

11 Executed this 7th day of December 2005, at Tabachapi, California.

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Declaration of Daniel F. McCann
(December 10, 2005)

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DECLARATION OF DANIEL F. MC CANN

I, DANIEL F. MC CANN, hereby declare as follows:

1. In March 1979, I was a deputy sheriff for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, working as the desk supervisor at Firestone Station.

2. I have read the chapter in Stanley Williams' book, *Blue Rage, Black Redemption*, entitled "The Longest Day," in which Mr. Williams describes his arrest with Samuel Coleman, and Mr. Coleman's alleged beating by Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies at Firestone station.

3. I also have read Mr. Coleman's 1994 declaration in which he claims he was beaten while housed in a cell next to Mr. Williams.

4. In addition, I have reviewed the March 15, 1979, booking slips of both Mr. Coleman and Mr. Williams.

5. The beating of Mr. Coleman could not have occurred as described in Mr. Williams's book or in Mr. Coleman's declaration.

6. During March 1979, arrestees who were brought to Firestone station entered through the rear of the station. One large "booking" cell was immediately adjacent to the booking entrance door, and in front of the watch sergeant's office.

7. The booking cell was constructed with two concrete walls, and two walls with concrete approximately 36 inches high, with stainless steel mesh from the concrete to the ceiling. This booking cell was visible to the entire front area of the station.

8. There also were two to three "holding" cells with hard steel doors and thick concrete walls towards the west end of the facility. Separated by a hallway were approximately ten additional holding cells with steel bars.

9. No weapons of any kind, including guns, knives, batons, and

flashlights were allowed in either the booking or holding cell areas at any time.

10. Because there were no medical services at the Firestone Station, any prisoner with a known medical condition was kept in the booking cell so that the jailer could keep direct eye contact on the prisoner at all times, and was transported to Los Angeles County USC Medical Center.

11. I was the watch deputy at Firestone station on March 15, 1979.

12. I recall when Mr. Williams and Mr. Coleman arrived at Firestone station. They were brought in by Deputies Furmanski and Sterk.

13. At the time they were booked, I did not know that Mr. Williams was wanted for murder.

14. I recall that upon arrival to the station, Mr. Coleman and Mr. Williams were immediately separated because Mr. Coleman complained of a heart condition; Mr. Coleman was kept in the front booking cell for observation until he could be transported to Los Angeles County USC Medical Center.

15. Mr. Williams was placed in a rear holding cell.

16. Mr. Coleman and Mr. Williams were never in close proximity to one another during their stays at Firestone station.

17. Following the booking process, Mr. Coleman was transported to Los Angeles County USC Medical Center because he indicated he had a heart condition.

18. Mr. Coleman was never beaten or in any way assaulted while at Firestone station. He did not have any visible injuries, nor did he complain of any injuries. He was only taken to Los Angeles County USC Medical Center because of his heart condition.

I declare under penalty of perjury and the laws of the State of California and United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 10th day of December 2005, at Thousand Oaks,
California.


Daniel F. McCann

Declaration of James E. Solar
(December 2, 2005)

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1 DECLARATION OF JAMES E. SOLAR

2 I, JAMES E. SOLAR, hereby declare as follows:

3 1. In March 1979, I was a deputy sheriff in the Homicide Bureau of
4 the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and assigned to investigate the
5 three murders that took place on March 11, 1979, at the Brookhaven Motel, in Los
6 Angeles.

7 2. As part of that investigation, on March 15, 1979, at 12:12 p.m., I,
8 along with deputies Wilson and Jones, interviewed Samuel Lee Coleman at Mens'
9 Central Jail, in Los Angeles.

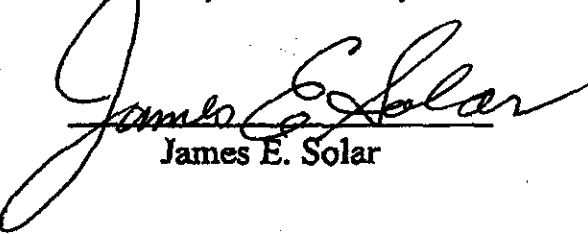
10 3. During the interview of Mr. Coleman, he did not mention that he
11 had been beaten during, or at any time following, his arrest.

12 4. I did not observe any abrasions, contusions, or lacerations on the
13 person of Mr. Coleman.

14 5. Nor was Mr. Coleman assaulted in any way during his interview
15 with me or my fellow investigators.

16 I declare under penalty of perjury and the laws of the State of
17 California and United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

18 Executed this 2 day of December 2005, at Honolulu, Hawaii.

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**March 18, 1979 County of Los Angeles -
Sheriff's Department - Supplemental Report**

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

DATE March 18, 1979

FILE NO. 079-04349-0372-015 (NEW)
079-04349-0372-010 (OLD)C. ARMED ROBBERY - 211 P.C./
BURGLARY - 459 P.C./
MURDER - 187 P.C.Action Taken ACTIVE: Investigation Made/
Coroner's Case #79-3203 Assigned
V#1/#79-3204 Assigned V#2/
CC #79-3205 Assigned V#3/Evidence
Held/Suspects Arrested/Change in
STAT Code Classification/Complain-
to be Sought.

V #1: YANG, Tsai-Shen

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V #2: YANG, Yen-Yi

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(DECEASED)

V #3: LIN, Ye-Chen

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S #1: WILLIAMS, Stanley NM

MN/25

(IN CUSTODY - Bkg. No. 5172-373)

S #2: ORSO, Joseph August

MN/21

(IN CUSTODY - Bkg. No. 5172-505)

EVIDENCE-HELD:

- Item #1: One (1) hotel registration card (Receipt #C-04021)
- Item #2: Four (4) pieces of shotgun wadding (Receipt #C-96095)
- Item #3: One (1) "Afro" comb (Receipt #C-106603)
- Item #4: Seven (7) lead pellets (Receipt #C-96095)
- Item #5: One (1) expended shotgun shell, .12 ga., black casing, Browning manufacturer (Receipt #C-96095)
- Item #6: One (1) lead fragment (Receipt #C-96095)
- Item #7: Plastic wadding (Receipt #C-96095)
- Item #8: Three (3) lead pellets (Receipt #C-96095)
- Item #9: One (1) gold blanket and one (1) white blanket (Property Custodian #169746)
- Item #10: Two (2) lead pellets (Receipt #C-96130)
- Item #11: Two (2) Remington & Peters .12 ga. shotgun shells (green casing) (Receipt #C-96130)
- Item #12: One (1) High Standard .12 ga. shotgun (Serial No. 3194397), with 18-3/16" barrel, 5-1/2" wood stock with black and silver tape on the stock (Receipt #C-96130). The shotgun contains six (6) Remington & Peters .12 ga. shotgun shells (green casing) and one (1) Federal .12 ga. shotgun shell (red casing).
- Item #13: Nine (9) Remington & Peters .12 ga. shotgun shells (Receipt #C-96130)
- Item #14: One (1) Coroner's envelope containing pellets and wadding from Victim #1 (Receipt #C-96131)
- Item #15: One (1) Coroner's envelope containing wadding and pellets from Victim #2 (Receipt #C-96131)

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- Item #16: One (1) Coroner's envelope containing pellets from Victim #3 (Receipt #C-96131)
- Item #17: One (1) bundle of clothing belonging to Victim #1 (Receipt #C-96131)
- Item #18: One (1) bundle of clothing belonging to Victim #2 (Receipt #C-96131)
- Item #19: One (1) bundle of clothing belonging to Victim #3 (Receipt #C-96131)

On 3/11/79 at 0600 hours, Investigators were detailed to 10411 South Vermont Avenue in Los Angeles to investigate the circumstances surrounding the deaths of Victim #1: TSAI-SHEN YANG; Victim #2: YEN-YI YANG; and Victim #3: YE-CHEN LIN. Upon arrival at 0705 hours, Investigators observed that the business at this location was the "Brookhaven Motel". Investigators contacted Deputies R. Sanford and G. Winther. They stated they had responded to the location regarding a 245 victim--shots fired call, and upon their arrival found Victim #1 in the motel office in a kneeling position; they also found Victim #2 lying on a sofa in the motel office; and also found Victim #3 on the floor just off the living room in the hallway. They stated that Victim #1 had already expired; Victim #2 was transported to Daniel Freeman Hospital where he subsequently expired; and Victim #3 was taken to Centinela Hospital where she subsequently expired. The area where the victims were found was the living room of their residence, which also serves as the motel office.

Immediately adjacent to and to the east of the living room was a lobby which was used for prospective guests to register. In the wall between the lobby and the living room was a window where prospective guests and motel personnel conducted business. Immediately to the south of this window was a door which separated the lobby and the living room. Investigators observed that the door showed evidence of having been forced open, in that the door trim on the living room side was completely dislodged from the wall. The door trim was hanging free from the door, being attached by a chain. The door had several locks on it (i.e., a standard interior door lock, a dead-bolt lock, a sliding bolt lock, and a safety chain). The door did not appear to have been kicked open due to the absence of any footprints on it.

On the registration counter in the lobby, Investigators found a registration card with some unintelligible writing on it, written in blue ink (Evidence-held Item #1). This item was given to Deputy Treichler, Sheriff's Identification Section, for transportation to the Crime Lab for chemical processing.

Investigators were also advised by Deputies Sanford and Winther that Victim #1, who was in the northeast corner of the living room, had been previously attended to by paramedics and at this time, Victim #1: TSAI-SHEN YANG was on her back with her head to the west and her legs bent towards the north. When the Deputies had responded to the location, they had initially found her in a fetal position.

Investigators observed the couch on the west wall to have blood stains on it. Deputies indicated to Investigators that this is where Victim #2: YEN-YI YANG

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was found prior to being transported to the hospital.

In the doorway leading from the living room to the hallway, Investigators observed a large amount of blood on the floor. It was indicated to Investigators that this is where Victim #3: YE-CHIN LIN had been prior to being taken to the hospital.

On the south wall of the hallway, just entering from the living room and approximately 62" above the floor, Investigators observed a patch of plaster missing from the wall and surrounding this patch were numerous small holes and it appeared that this had been caused by pellets fired from a shotgun. At the west end of the hallway on the floor, Investigators recovered Evidence-Item #4 (lead pellets).

Investigators were advised by Deputies that they had found a black "Afro" comb in the parking lot near the rear wall at the back of the motel property. This "Afro" comb (Evidence Item #3) was subsequently examined for fingerprints by Deputy Treichler, with negative results.

Evidence Item #5 (Expended shotgun shell) was recovered from underneath a coffee table in the living room.

At 0917 hours, Deputy Coroner Mosbrucker responded to the location and took charge of Victim #1's remains. Further examination of Victim #1 revealed what appeared to be two (2) gun shot wounds: one in the area of the abdomen and one in the base of the tail bone.

While at the location and at the direction of Investigators, Deputy Treichler took all necessary photographs.

After removal of Victim #1, Investigators found Evidence Item #6, a lead fragment, on the floor and close to where Victim #1 had been lying. Investigators also found in this same area, a piece of what appeared to be plastic wadding (Evidence Item #7) from a shotgun casing.

Investigators recovered three lead pellets from the sofa where Victim #2 was found. Also recovered at the scene were two blankets: one gold and one white, which had been on the sofa where Victim #2 was found. These blankets were stained with blood and had several holes in them (Evidence Item #9).

At 0830 hours, 3/11/79, Investigators interviewed DERRICK ANTHONY HILL, MN/21, of 1030 West 101st Street, Los Angeles, phone: 755-8989. Mr. Hill indicated that he was in the process of checking out of Room #12 at the location. He further stated that he checked into the motel between 0330 hours and 0400 hours, 3/11/79, with a girlfriend, Regina. He said they had come from a party at 109th and Budlong and had been drinking gin. He said he fell asleep at about 0430 hours and didn't hear any shots or see any people.

At approximately 0840 hours, 3/11/79, Investigators interviewed KERRY ALLEN KENNARD, MN/18, of 5029 Cutler Street, Baldwin Park, phone: 338-7079. He was in the process of checking out of Room #9 at the location. Mr. Kennard stated that he and his girlfriend, Pearl Smith, checked into the motel between 2000 and 2100 hours, 3/10/79. He said that he went out for some food between 0130 hours and 0215 hours, 3/11/79. When he returned at approximately 0215 hours, his girlfriend told him that she heard some shots while he was gone. Mr. Kennard further stated

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that he heard approximately three or four shots, but he wasn't certain of the time. He said it could have been between 0330 and 0430 hours or even later. He said the shots did not sound like rifle shots, but more like shots from a powerful handgun or shotgun. There was approximately one to one and a half seconds between each shot.

At approximately 1030 hours, 3/11/79, Investigators contacted MR. ROBERT YANG, MO/31, who was the son of Victim #1 and Victim #2. Mr. Yang stated that he and his wife, Laura Yang, FO/27, were asleep in the rear bedroom of location. They were awakened at approximately 0530 hours by two gun shot sounds. They were not certain where the shots came from, but felt that they may have come from the front of location. Consequently, he and his wife remained in their bedroom for several minutes. When he entered the hallway, he observed his sister, Victim #3, lying on the hallway floor. She had severe damage to her head. She wasn't moving or talking, but was crying. Mr. Robert Yang then entered the living room of location and observed his father, Victim #2, lying on the sofa against the west wall of the living room. His father was covered with blood-stained blankets and was crying, but unable to move. He observed his mother, Victim #1, in front of the office desk in the northeast corner of the living room. She appeared to be dead to him.

Mr. Yang further stated that his parents normally kept at least \$50.00 in cash, but seldom more than \$100.00 in cash, in the center desk drawer of location. At this time, Investigators indicated to Mr. Robert Yang that they observed two or three \$1.00 bills and approximately \$15.00 to \$18.00 in coin in the center desk drawer. Mr. Robert Yang again stated that there should have been between \$50.00 and \$100.00 in cash in the drawer. Mr. Robert Yang indicated that he and his wife did not see any suspects or see any vehicles leave the location.

At 1125 hours, 3/11/79, Investigators contacted the occupants of Apartment #7 at the location. This apartment is rented by MRS. ARTIE SUE MATTHEWS, FI/31, phone: 779-9033. She indicated that she did not hear any unusual noises or see anyone during the approximate time of the incident. However, she did state that she was the victim of an armed robbery on 1/25/79 while living at the location (Refer to Lenoxx Sheriff's File #479-01446-0372-601). This was an incident in which approximately four to six male Negroes (NFD) forced their way into her apartment and at knife point, stole her money, television, stereo and other items, as mentioned in the first report.

Also present in her apartment at this time were MARK ELDON WRIGHT, MC/29, and his common-law wife, BRENDA LYN LEDNUM, FC/26, and their three young children. They live in Apartment #14 at location. They indicated they did not hear any unusual noises or see any suspicious persons during the time of the incident.

On 3/12/79 at 1100 hours, Evidence Item #3, "Afro" comb, was given to Criminalist Barry Fisher and Receipt #106603 was received. A report of his findings will be submitted with this report and will be made a permanent part of this file.

Evidence Item #1, hotel registration card, was retrieved from Deputy Rossi of Chemical Processing and retained by Investigators (Receipt #C-04021). A report of his findings is to be submitted with this report and made a permanent part of this file.

Evidence Items #2, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8 and #9 were given to Sgt. Warner, Firearms

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Identification Section for examination and testing. Evidence Item #9, blankets, were returned to Investigators and was subsequently placed with the Property Custodian. A receipt for the items was received (Receipt #C-96095).

On 3/12/79 at 1545 hours at Lennox Station, Investigators received from Deputy D'Andrea two lead fragments, Evidence Item #10, which were given to him by Jenny Estrada, 10423 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles. These items were found by Miss Estrada in cleaning up the motel office where this incident occurred. A report by Deputy D'Andrea has been submitted and will become a permanent part of this file.

On 3/13/79 at the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office, the post-mortem examinations were conducted on the remains of all three victims. The examinations were performed by Dr. Eugene Carpenter. During the examination of Victim #1, shotgun wadding and small pellets were recovered from the back of the victim. Also recovered from Victim #1 in the area of the stomach, was wadding and buck shot. It was Dr. Carpenter's opinion, at this time, that Victim #1 had been shot twice from close range.

An examination of Victim #2 was made, whereupon wadding and pellets were removed from the body by Dr. Carpenter and it was his opinion at this time that Victim #2 had been shot twice from close range.

An examination of Victim #3 was made by Dr. Carpenter and small pellets were removed from the head of the victim, and it was his opinion that Victim #3 had only been shot one time.

It should be noted that up until this time, the Investigators were unaware as to how many times each victim had been shot and what the total number of shots fired had been.

On 3/14/79 at approximately 1300 hours, Investigators were contacted by Sgt. Gwaltney and Deputy Gallatin, who stated that they had interviewed JAMES GARRETT and that James Garrett had advised them that Stanley Williams was a suspect in this case. It was also ascertained that a second suspect, who is the boyfriend of Suspect William's sister, was involved in the incident also. This suspect was later identified as Joseph August Orso. A report of this interview with James Garrett will be submitted by Investigators Gwaltney and Gallatin and will be made a permanent part of this file.

On 3/14/79 at 1500 hours, Investigating Officers received from Deputy Gallatin, Evidence Item #11, two Remington & Peters .12 ga. shotgun shells with green casings and buckshot load. These were given to Deputy Gallatin by James Garrett, who had taken them from his house, stating that they were the property of Suspect Williams.

At 1545 hours, 3/14/79, Investigators were advised that Evidence Item #12 (Shotgun and its contents) were recovered from under the bed in the master bedroom of James Garrett, who resides at 10402 South St. Andrews Street, Los Angeles. This item was recovered by Deputy Gallatin. Also recovered from the same bedroom and at the same location by Deputy Gallatin was Evidence Item #13 (Nine shotgun shells).

At approximately 1600 hours, 3/15/79, Investigators, along with Deputies W. Wilson and J. Fuglein, Sgt. Gwaltney, and Deputy B. Jones of Homicide Bureau, and Deputies

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T. Lambrecht and R. Davidson of Lennox Station, commenced a stake-out inside 10402 South St. Andrews, Los Angeles, to effect the arrest of Suspect Williams.

At approximately 1930 hours, a 1977 Chrysler, 4-door New Yorker, black in color, containing two male black adults, parked in front of the location. The passenger exited the vehicle, approached the front of the location, and then immediately returned to the vehicle. As the vehicle drove off, Sgt. Fueglein pursued the vehicle while driving in his personal vehicle. At this time, he obtained a License #284/SEM. A registration check revealed that this vehicle was registered to Sam Coleman at 2117 Burnside Street, Los Angeles.

As the stake-out progressed into the early morning hours, additional personnel from V.O.I.T. were called to assist. They were assigned to surveil several different addresses and to watch for several different vehicles that Suspect Williams had been associated with.

At approximately 0650 hours, 3/15/79, members of V.O.I.T. observed and subsequently arrested Suspect ORSO for 187 F.C. He was transported to and booked at Lennox Sheriff's Station. A report covering the arrest of Orso will be included with this file and made a permanent part thereof.

On 3/15/79 at 0445 hours, Deputy Solar and Sgt. Gwaltney proceeded to the Sheriff's Crime Lab with Evidence Items #10, #11, #12 and #13 for examination and testing. Prior to the test firing of the shotgun (Evidence Item #12), it was checked for fingerprints by Deputy Frank Garrison, Sheriff's Identification Section. A report of his findings is to be included with this report and made a permanent part of this file.

At 0500 hours, 3/15/79, Evidence Items #10, #11, #12, and #13 were given to Sgt. Warner, Firearms Identification Section, for testing and analysis (Receipt #C-96130 was received). A report of his findings is to be submitted with this report and made a permanent part of this file.

While at the Crime Lab, Investigators were advised that Suspect WILLIAMS and a SAMUEL LEE COLEMAN had been arrested in the Firestone area for suspicion of robbery, grand theft (auto), carrying a loaded firearm, and driving without a license. A report of the arrest and incident is reported under Sheriff's File #479-01827-0183-023 and will become a permanent part of this file. It should be noted that the vehicle in which Suspects Coleman and Williams were arrested was a 1977 Chrysler New Yorker, 4-door, black in color, California License #284/SEM.

At approximately 0900 hours, MR. GARRETT was escorted to the Sergeant's office at Lennox Station. He was accompanied by Sgt. Hetzel, Deputies Wilson, Jones and Fueglein, and Lennox Patrol personnel. After the above people were inside the Sergeant's office, Lennox Deputies escorted Suspect ORSO to the lobby portion of Lennox Station. At this time, Mr. Garrett, while in the Sergeant's office, was able to look out of a window section consisting of one-way glass. He was able to view Suspect Orso. At this time, he indicated that Suspect Orso was the person who Suspect Williams introduced as being his sister's boyfriend. He also indicated that Suspect Orso was the person who Suspect Williams said was with him on the motel incident. Suspect Williams also told Mr. Garrett that Suspect Orso didn't say anything about the killings because he is his (Williams's) sister's boyfriend and that if he (Suspect Orso) did say anything about the killings, he (Suspect Williams) would "blow him away". Mr. Garrett also stated

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that Suspect Orso drove a Volkswagen and that he lives in the area of Vernon and Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, in Apartment #15, at an unknown address. After Mr. Garrett positively identified Suspect Orso as being the person who had accompanied Suspect Williams on the motel killings, Suspect Orso was escorted back to his cell. At this time, Mr. Garrett accompanied Sgt. Hetzel and Deputy W. Wilson to an interview room at Lennox Detective Bureau.

At 0935 hours, 3/15/79, at Lennox Station, Deputy Solar and Deputy Jones commenced an interview with Suspect ORSO. Suspect Orso was advised of the charges against him and prior to any questioning, was advised of his Constitutional rights by Deputy Solar per SHAD-477. Suspect Orso stated he understood his rights, did not want to talk about the case and was desirous of an attorney. At this time, the interview was terminated.

At 0947 hours, 3/15/79, in an interview room at Lennox Station, Sgt. Hetzel and Deputy William Wilson conducted a taped interview with MR. JAMES GARRETT regarding the above case. The transcript of the tape is included in this report and will become a permanent part thereof.

At 1212 hours, 3/15/79, at Central Jail, Deputies Solar, W. Wilson and Jones interviewed SAMUEL LEE COLEMAN, JR., M/24. Mr. Coleman, who was in custody on a charge un-related to this incident, was interviewed, stating he has known Suspect Williams several months and that on Saturday night, March 11th, he was at the "Showcase Bar" near Adams and Crenshaw. He also stated he was there between midnight of March 10th and 6:00 A.M., Sunday March 11th. At approximately 2:00 A.M., 3/11/79, Suspect Williams came to the "Showcase Bar" and borrowed \$2.00.

He further related that on Sunday afternoon at approximately 1500 hours, 3/11/79, he and Suspect Williams went to Griffith Park. While at the park, Suspect Williams told Coleman that he had made \$50.00 and was going to buy some "Sherman's and Juice". Coleman stated that while on the way to the park, Suspect Williams told him he pulled a robbery on Vermont at a motel and that he "offed" someone. Coleman stated that on Monday, he read in a newspaper where three people had been murdered in a motel on Vermont.

Coleman stated he had a further conversation later on with Suspect Williams, wherein Suspect Williams stated he killed some people in a motel on Vermont. Suspect Williams did not state who his crime partner had been. Coleman stated that on many occasions Suspect Williams had tried to get him (Coleman) to go and pull some robberies.

At approximately 1220 hours, 3/15/79, Sgt. Hetzel and Deputy Fuelein interviewed Suspect WILLIAMS, AKA: "TOOKIE" in an interview room at Firestone Station. This conversation was not tape recorded. Prior to advising Suspect Williams of his Constitutional rights, Investigators asked him background questions regarding his name, date of birth, occupation, vehicle, parents and relatives, former places of employment, if he had any prior arrests, and close friends. People mentioned by Suspect Williams as being his close friends were: Sam Coleman, known as "Capone". Suspect Williams indicated he has known Coleman for one year and he met him at a club known as "The Other World" located at 92nd and Western. Coleman works for the Los Angeles City Park and Recreation Department at Griffith Park. Another friend that he mentioned was Donald Archie, M/24, who he has known for approximately 10 years and who lives on 82nd Street between Denker and Halldale. Archie is a maintenance worker but Suspect Williams did not know for whom he worked.

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Another person indicated by Suspect Williams as a close friend was Wayne Holiwell, M/20, DOB: 11/4/55, address: 1206 W. 127th Street, Los Angeles. Suspect Williams referred to Holiwell as his "play half-brother". Holiwell went to Washington High School and is currently a self-employed photographer.

At this time, Deputy Fueglein discussed the Constitutional rights with Suspect Williams. Suspect Williams even recited his Constitutional rights to us. Suspect Williams indicated that he knew and understood his rights; that he wanted to talk to us; that he did not want an attorney present; and subsequently waived his rights.

Deputy Fueglein began the conversation by asking: "What happened?" This time, Suspect Williams indicated that before they were arrested, they were south-bound on Central Avenue and were coming from a pool hall located on Avalon Boulevard between 107th and 108th Street. He said this pool hall was owned by Jackie Watkins. He further stated that Williams was in Sam Coleman's car, a 1974 black Chrysler Imperial, when they were subsequently stopped by Sheriff's Deputies and told to exit the vehicle. Subsequent activities by the Deputies revealed a loaded shotgun in the trunk of Coleman's car. After Sheriff's units arriving at the scene, Suspect Williams stated that he and Coleman were arrested and transported to Firestone Station.

We asked him if he knew that Coleman had a gun in the car. He stated that he knew Coleman had a gun and that he has seen it in the car on past occasions. Suspect Williams also stated that Coleman carries it "for cases when someone got on his nerves". Suspect Williams, when asked by Sgt. Fueglein which shotgun he thought was the best, Suspect Williams stated: "I think the high standard pump is the best shotgun." He also stated that the best rounds or shells for a shotgun are slugs.

At this point (1305 hours), Dep. Fueglein again advised Suspect Williams of his Constitutional rights. Suspect Williams waived his rights and indicated that he still wanted to talk to us without the presence of an attorney.

Sgt. Hetzel: "Where were you on Friday night, 3/9/79?" Suspect Williams: "At the 'Showcase Club' on Crenshaw and Adams with 'Capone' between 1:00 and 5:00 A.M. 'Capone' left about 3:00 A.M. and said he was going home to take the 'pit bull' to Griffith Park."

Sgt. Hetzel: "Where were the drugs?" Suspect Williams: "At Leon's (KFD). He lives on 112th Street off of Budlong and Normandie."

Sgt. Hetzel: "Did anything happen at the club?" Suspect Williams: "I had a fight with six guys, but one at a time. I slapped them each until one guy pulled a knife and cut me on the left bicep. My step-brother, Wayne (Holiwell) stopped him. About 5:45 A.M., we went to my mother's house, arriving there about 6:00 o'clock A.M. We went right to sleep and awoke about 1:00 P.M., then ate breakfast." Suspect Williams then said he called his girlfriend, Michelle Ash (321-4266) about 1:15 P.M. or so. He then called "Capone" and asked where they were going that day.

At this time, Suspect Williams suddenly stopped talking and paused for a few moments and appeared to be puzzled. He then began to smile and stated: "All this is wrong--Start at 6:00 A.M. again."

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Sgt. Hetzel: What happened at 6:00 o'clock A.M.?" Suspect Williams: "I took a test at Manual Arts High School at 8:00 o'clock A.M. I braided my hair and left the house at 7:15 A.M. I walked to Sam's house and he drove me to Manual Arts High School. It took about 15 to 20 minutes to drive it. We got there about 8:05 A.M." Suspect Williams then said that Coleman dropped him off and that he and the rest of the students entered the classroom and took a written examination. After finishing the exam about 11:00 o'clock A.M., he left and went to several places. He then said that he went to lift weights at Esther's house. She is an older woman who lives on 104th and St. Andrews. He got there by taking the Vermont Street bus to Century Boulevard and then walking to the house. Suspect Williams indicated that he got to the house about 1:00 o'clock P.M. and "worked out" for about 2-1/2 hours. He then took his brown and white "pit bull" for a walk. After the walk, he went inside the house at 104th and St. Andrews and took a nap on the sofa.

He awoke about 7:30 P.M. and talked to some people who were there. About 9:00 P.M., "Capone" (Coleman) came over. "Capone" had two girls in the car with him. They went for a ride, stopped at two different liquor stores and later, one of the girls left on a bus. Suspect Williams, "Capone" and one of the girls returned to the house on 104th and St. Andrews about 9:45 P.M. Suspect Williams said he then took his dog for a walk and returned to the house about 10:30 or 11:00 P.M.

Suspect Williams also said that approximately 1:00 o'clock A.M., Sunday morning, he returned to the "Showcase Club" via bus. He said that he was wearing a gold shirt, tan khaki slacks and that his hair was combed back. Sgt. Hetzel: "Why was your hair combed?" Suspect Williams: "The club didn't allow no dudes inside with braids in their hair." He then indicated that the owners and the security guard at the club would remember him. He said he was looking for girls and talking to Capone outside the club. He said that "Capone" left about 3:30 A.M. and was going to go home. Suspect Williams said that he left the club about 5:00 o'clock A.M., maybe 5:15 A.M., and then went home and changed clothes. He said he put on a jump-suit and waited for "Capone" to come about 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Sergeant Hetzel: What did you do between 5:00 o'clock A.M. and 1:00 o'clock P.M.?" Suspect Williams: "I stayed home between 5:30 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. 'Capone' came over and we took our dogs to Griffith Park. We got there about 1:00 or 2:00 P.M." Sgt. Hetzel: "How did you get there?" Suspect Williams: "'Capone' had a dark green '72 Vega (His aunt's car). 'Capone' doesn't put dogs in his Chrysler." The suspect also indicated that they left the park about 5:00 P.M. and that he got back to the house at 104th Street about 6:00 P.M.

Sgt. Hetzel: "Why did you have to kill those people in the motel?" Suspect Williams: "I don't know anything about the people at the motel."

Sgt. Hetzel: "Where is your shotgun now?" Suspect Williams: "My shotgun is now at the 104th Street address. I leave it wherever because I can't carry it on the streets. I don't know people who kill."

At the time of this interview, Suspect Williams was wearing a blue patterned, silk, long-sleeved shirt, tan slacks and Vietnam type combat boots. He also had braids in his hair, side burns and a long bushy moustache. The interview was terminated at 1400 hours.

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At 1415 hours, 3/15/79, Sgt. Hetzel interviewed MISS CECILIA DEEBRA GARCIA, FM/17, DOB: 5/3/62, Address: 645 West 98th Street, Los Angeles, phone: 779-3262, at Firestone Station. She stated that her boyfriend is Carlos Diaz. Sgt. Hetzel asked Miss Garcia if she ever lived at 14011 South Vermont Avenue. She said that she had been living there in Apt. #20 for two weeks and one day and she had her baby with her. She was asked if she heard any unusual noises the early morning hours of 3/11/79 (Sunday morning). Miss Garcia said that she was outside her apartment between 1:00 and 4:00 A.M. because of a fight with her boyfriend. She further stated that between 4:00 and 5:00 A.M., or maybe a little later, she heard some lady yelling: "Please leave me alone." It was in broken English. It sounded like the Chinese lady.

She said she then heard an argument and a scream. She then heard a gun go off. She said: "I just heard one shot and then I fell asleep. I thought it was all in my dreams until I heard the Police radios, but I thought it was further down the street." When asked how much time elapsed, when she first heard the shots, until she heard the Police radios, she indicated ten to thirty minutes. She further stated that she heard a slam or a hit after the shots, just a couple of minutes after.

Sgt. Hetzel: "Did you see or talk to anyone while outside, between 1:00 and 4:00 A.M.?" Miss Garcia: She said that between 1:30 and 2:00 o'clock A.M., Sunday, a Black man approached and grabbed her by the left arm. He tried to force her to go with him. She described this man as a male Negro in his late 20's, 5'-7" to 5'-8", medium build, hair combed back and kind of matted down. He had a scar on his left hand by his thumb. He had a bushy moustache, possible goatee, was wearing faded blue Levi slacks, blue tennis shoes, a blue patterned shirt, long-sleeved, and a light brown coat. She saw him in an old white car, 2-door, with "ratty" upholstery and black pillows. It was a medium-sized car and it had a name on the right front side starting with the letter "F". It did not have an antenna. She further stated that the black man asked her a lot of questions about the motel: How much money they took in, how much the rent was, etc. She was asked if she would be available for viewing pictures if any suspects were arrested for this incident. She indicated that she can be reached at her mother's house at 645 West 98th Street, Los Angeles, 779-3262.

On 3/16/79 at 0743 hours, Deputy Solar responded to the Coroner's Office and received from Coroner's Representative, Greg Lee, three (3) envelopes which contained shotgun wadding and pellets which were removed from Victims #1, #2, and #3 (Evidence Items #14, #15, and #16 respectively).

Also received from Coroner's Representative Mosbrucker was the clothing of Victims #1, #2, and #3 (Evidence Items #17, #18, and #19 respectively).

At 1700 hours, 3/16/79, Evidence Items #14 through #19 were taken to the Firearms Identification Section, Sheriff's Crime Lab, and given to Sgt. Christiansen for analysis (Receipt #96131 received).

On 3/16/79 at approximately 1315 hours, Sgt. Hetzel and Solar proceeded to the home of MISS GARCIA to re-interview her and to show her two different mug show-up folders. In addition to Miss Garcia being home, her mother, Linda Ramos, FM/26; her sister, Mary Garcia, FM/16; and Joe G. Fereza, MM/21, of 1950-1/2 West 146th Street, Gardena, phone: 515-1275, were also present. Prior to showing Miss Garcia the show-up folders, we advised her that the person she saw and talked to at the motel between 1:00 and 4:00 o'clock A.M., Sunday

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morning, may or may not appear in the series of photographs that she would be shown. We advised her to take her time, review all photographs prior to making her decision. We also advised her that she was under no obligation to select any of the photographs as depicting the person she saw at the motel. The first series of photographs she viewed contained a picture of Suspect Orso. She was unable to identify anyone in this series of pictures. The second series of photographs we showed her contained a photograph of Suspect Williams. After reviewing photographs in this folder, she picked out the photograph in the upper right hand corner, top row, as definitely being a picture of a black man with whom she spoke at the motel and who grabbed her by the arm. At this time, the photographs were numbered 1 through #6 and Miss Garcia was asked to sign her name alongside the photograph that she selected. She was not told whose picture she selected or if he in fact was in custody for this incident.

Miss Garcia stated that she would testify, under oath, in a court of law. Miss Garcia's mother indicated that she would have no objection to Miss Garcia appearing in court to testify. At this time, we proceeded to ask Miss Garcia to tell us of the man she saw and spoke to at the motel between the hours of 1:00 and 4:00 A.M., 3/11/79. At this time, she described the same person as she did in the interview with Sgt. Hetzel on the previous day. She further stated that when he approached her the first time, she was standing on the sidewalk in front of the cement wall at the location. The man she described exited an old white vehicle with the letter "F" on the side. She said that this car and the letter resembled that of the vehicle driven by her mother. Miss Garcia's mother indicated that she drove a Falcon of the early '60's.

Miss Garcia indicated that she talked to the indicated Black man for about 20 minutes. He left and returned approximately 10 minutes later. She then asked him to make a telephone call for her in the office lobby. She also said that while she and the Black man were at the telephone, another Black man entered the motel lobby and asked for a room for two hours. She said the old Chinese man waited on him. She also said that sitting in the blue car in the driveway was a female Negro adult, and that this was the car the Black man had just exited. Miss Garcia further stated that she and the above-described Black man talked until about 4:00 A.M.

He told her that he knew her family, that he wanted her to call him, and even wrote his name, "Tyrone" and his telephone number on a piece of paper, which she later threw away. She said that he kept asking about the money kept in the office of the motel, who lived there, how much they paid for rent, etc. Also, that during her long conversation with this man, he repeatedly (at least five or six times) said that he was not crazy. Miss Garcia said that the man sounded and acted sober and later asked if she knew where he could find something to "get high on".

Miss Garcia continued, stating that approximately 20 minutes or so after she got back to her room, she heard an argument and a lady scream. About two minutes later, she heard the lady scream: "Leave me alone." She knew it was the old Chinese lady screaming because it was in broken English. She then heard a loud shot and the next thing she heard were Police radios. She thought she was dreaming and went back to sleep. She said that her boyfriend, Carlos, heard the lady scream, but did not hear the gun shot. The interview was then ended.

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On 3/16/79 at approximately 1600 hours, Sgt. Hetzel had a telephone conversation with Dep. Fueglein, who had just completed an interview with Suspect Williams at Firestone Station. He indicated that a tape of the conversation was made and would be transcribed at a later date. He had further stated that the tape ran out without getting the following conversation in. In essence, the untaped part of the conversation consisted of several questions and answers:

Suspect Williams asked: "How many shots were fired at the motel? Five?" Investigator Fueglein: "What did you say?" Suspect Williams: "How many shots were fired at the motel? Five?" Investigator Fueglein: "How many shots do you think were fired at the motel?" Suspect Williams: "I don't know." Deputy Jones: "You just told us 'five' twice." Suspect Williams: "I didn't say no numbers, man, you are crazy."

A copy of this transcript will be included in this report and will become a permanent part thereof.

On 3/17/79 at approximately 1400 hours, Sgt. Hetzel and Deputy Fueglein interviewed Suspect WILLIAMS in an interview room at Men's Central Jail at the request of Suspect Williams. Suspect Williams was re-advised of his Constitutional rights by Sgt. Fueglein and again waived his rights. As Sgt. Hetzel asked Suspect Williams: "Where were you on Sunday, 3/11/79, in the morning?", Suspect Williams stated: "I was in the 'Showcase Club'." "I left about 5:00 o'clock A.M. I was driven home by a guy at the club who I know by sight, but not by name." Suspect Williams then described this man as a male Negro/24, 5'-10" to 5'-11", thin build, dark-complexioned, bushy moustache, driving a 1964 Chevrolet, grey in color. This man is usually at the "Showcase Club" between 2:00 o'clock and 5:00 o'clock A.M. Suspect Williams indicated that when they left the club, they went south on Crenshaw to Century, east on Century to St. Andrews, south on St. Andrews to 104th, at which time he went inside the house of Garrett at 104th and St. Andrews. Suspect Williams further stated that it took about 30 minutes to drive from the club to the Garrett house and that they left the club about 5:15 or 5:20 A.M.

Sgt. Hetzel: "Are you sure of the time you left?" Suspect Williams: "Yeah, it was about 5:15 A.M. or maybe 5:20 A.M." Deputy Fueglein: "Where do you get your shotgun shells." Suspect Williams: "At the 'Western Surplus' on Crenshaw and Western. Deputy Fueglein: "How many red shells did you buy?" Suspect Williams: "I bought four boxes of red shells, bought green slugs at 'Western Surplus', bought 00 buck shot at 'Western Surplus'." Deputy Fueglein: "Where did you get the black shells?" Suspect Williams: "I remember 'Capone' had black and red shells in his glove compartment (Black Chrysler). Fueglein: "When?" Suspect Williams: "This happened on Friday the 9th while we were on our way to the 'Showcase Club' in 'Capone's' black Chrysler." "Capone asked me which ones were mine and which ones were his. I told him to take some and I would take the rest." Suspect Williams further stated that he bought some more shells on the 12th of March. "He bought four boxes and paid \$7.30 a box for them." Sgt. Hetzel: "Where do you buy the black shells?" Suspect Williams: "I don't remember--maybe at 'Western Surplus' or maybe at the 'Big 5'." He further stated that while in "Capone's" car, "Capone" took some shells and he took some shells and they were three different colors of shells--black, green and red. The interview was then terminated.

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On 3/17/79 at approximately 1530 hours, Sgt. Hetzel and Deputy Fueglein interviewed MICHELE DENISE ASH in an office room at Men's Central Jail. Miss Ash is a female Negro/20, DOB: 10/12/58, who lives at 708 West 137th Street, Gardena, phone: 321-4266. Her vehicle is a 1972 Chevrolet Caprice, 4-door, black over red, License #402/ETG. Miss Ash was at Men's Central Jail to visit Suspect Williams. She was accompanied by Wayne D. Holiwell, MN/20, DOB: 8/10/58, of 1206 West 127th Street, Los Angeles. He was arrested in the visiting area inside Men's Central Jail by Deputy Lamensdorf, Jail Deputy, for outstanding traffic warrants and for possession of a concealed firearm on jail property - 4574 P.C. (Refer to File #079-16074-2088-151).

Miss Ash stated that she came to visit Suspect Williams and that they were boyfriend-girlfriend. When asked if Suspect Williams called her on Saturday, 3/10/79, she indicated that he called her about 4:00 P.M. He also called about 9:00 o'clock P.M., but she wasn't home and her sister, Brenda, answered the phone. When asked if he called her on Sunday, 3/11/79, Miss Ash indicated that he called her about 12:00 o'clock noon. He wanted to see her or to go out with her, but she was too tired and stayed home. She indicated that he sounded normal and did not sound like he was loaded--that he just wanted a date with her. She further stated that she only saw Suspect Williams once, maybe twice a week. He usually called her on the telephone and that when she did call him, she would call him at his mother's house. She stated that he is not a drinker; that once she ordered a Tom Collin's for him and he tasted it and spit it out. He's tried drinking some champagne at the clubs, but frequently will order milk to drink. She indicated that she has never seen Suspect Williams with a shotgun in his possession. However, last New Year's Eve (12/31/78), she saw him shoot a small handgun into the air. She did not know what type of gun it was, except that it had a brown handle. She also stated that she did not know where it was or whose it was.

Miss Ash was asked if she still wished to visit with Suspect Williams this afternoon. She indicated that she was too upset at almost being arrested with Holiwell and wanted to go home. She did not want to visit with Suspect Williams at this time or at the 6:00 o'clock visiting period. Miss Ash appeared to be visibly upset and crying a little bit.

Investigation continuing...further reports to follow.

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